

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

March 18, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 48, as introduced, Cooley. Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of March 2015 and each year thereafter as Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month, and would encourage public officials and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of, treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Each year, 2.5 million Americans sustain traumatic
2 brain injuries; and
3 WHEREAS, A traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in
4 roughly one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, Each year, 250,000 people in California sustain a
7 traumatic brain injury; and
8 WHEREAS, These injuries are largely the result of falls, motor
9 vehicle crashes, assaults, sporting-related injuries, or occupational
10 injuries; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 5.3 million Americans are living with
2 disabilities related to traumatic brain injury; and

3 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of
4 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for
5 members of the military and their families; and

6 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 3.8 million sports-
8 and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States
9 annually; and

10 WHEREAS, The Federal Traumatic Brain Injury
11 Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-196) has provided
12 new authority for the CDC to review brain injury management in
13 children, and to identify ongoing and potential opportunities for
14 research; and

15 WHEREAS, Research, treatment, and support help speed
16 recovery from a traumatic brain injury; and

17 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California offers
18 education and support to individuals with traumatic brain injury
19 and their families to help those individuals integrate into the
20 community and live as independently as possible; and

21 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California has
22 designated March as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote
23 public awareness on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment,
24 and prevention of traumatic brain injury, and to remind people
25 with traumatic brain injuries and their families that they are not
26 alone; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
29 March 2015, and each year thereafter, as Brain Injury Awareness,
30 Treatment, and Prevention Month, and encourages public officials
31 and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate
32 activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of,
33 treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries;
34 and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
36 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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